

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 295

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse  
in the National Archives.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2007

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish a servitude and emancipation archival research  
clearinghouse in the National Archives.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Servitude and Emanci-  
5       pation Archival Research ClearingHouse Act” or the  
6       “SEARCH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES DATA-**  
2 **BASE OF HISTORIC RECORDS REGARDING**  
3 **SERVITUDE AND EMANCIPATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United  
5 States shall establish, as a part of the National Archives,  
6 a national database consisting of historic records of ser-  
7 vitude and emancipation in the United States to assist Af-  
8 rican Americans in researching their genealogy.

9 (b) MAINTENANCE.—The database shall be main-  
10 tained by the National Historical Publications and  
11 Records Commission.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13 are authorized to be appropriated—

14 (1) \$5,000,000 to establish the database; and

15 (2) \$5,000,000 to provide grants to States and  
16 colleges and universities to preserve local records of  
17 servitude and emancipation.

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